

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BARRINGTON COUNTRYSIDE FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
MARCH 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District (BCFPD) was held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Station #1, 22222 N Pepper Rd., Lake Barrington, Illinois.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2) CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER –Trustee Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, upon roll call the following answered:

Present Trustees: Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Absent: Trustee Long

3) CORRESPONDENCE

3A) CONTACT CARDS – Not reported.

3B) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- Trustee Hill reviewed House Bill 5630 which covers elected boards versus appointed boards. Trustee Hill, Trustee Hanson and Chief Swanson will attend Legislative Day, April 13, 2016. Chief Swanson stated the District started an initiative working with the Illinois Fire Protection District to offer an amendment to modify the existing fire hydrant act to include dry hydrants.

Trustee Long is now in attendance.

4A) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2016

Trustee Hill moved to approve the February 15, 2016 meeting minutes, second by Trustee Struck and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Heinze, Hanson, Struck

Nays: None

4B) READING AND APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2016.

Trustee Hill moved to approve and keep closed the February 15, 2016 executive session meeting minutes, second by Trustee Long with a correction of a spelling of a name and approved by a voice call of all Trustees present.

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

4C) REPORT FROM RECORDING SECRETARY- Carol Sellner stated there is nothing in addition to what is on the agenda.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT – John Schaller, Village of Lake Barrington Trustee, 347 Hickory Lane, Lake Barrington, IL. Mr. Schaller thanked the District for their quick response in putting out the fire at the Freier Farm Park. Mr. Schaller asked why the Village of Lake Barrington was not informed of the fire on the farm. Mr. Schaller stated the Cary Fire Inspectors felt the fire could have been arson. Trustee Hanson stated the misunderstanding of ownership came from a representative of Cuba Township, informing the District that it was owned by Lake County Forest Preserve, once the District was aware that Lake Barrington owned the property the District contacted Lake Barrington. Trustee Struck has asked the transition team to reach out to

the Village of Lake Barrington for a meeting for a more detailed report and to get on the agenda for the next Village of Lake Barrington Board meeting. Deputy Chief Kreher stated he was the incident commander, at the time of arrival there were 3 acres burning and 30 mph winds, and the concern was the buildings. Deputy Chief Kreher stated the Cuba Township representative provided a name at the Lake County Forest Preserve to inform them of a grass fire. Deputy Chief Kreher stated if he was aware that the property was owned by Lake Barrington he would have informed the Village of Lake Barrington. Deputy Chief Kreher has sent an e-mail to the Village of Lake Barrington requesting a meeting. Trustee Long stated there was no indication by the Forest Preserve that they did not own the property.

6) ATTORNEY REPORT – Mr. Curran provided a written report. James Hess is representing Mr. Curran in his absence.

7) FINANCIAL REPORT

7A) - PURCHASE REQUISITIONS FROM 2/15/2016-3/20/2016 - Trustee Hill moved to approve the purchase requisitions from 2/15/2016-3/20/2016. Trustee Heinze second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

7B) TREASURERS REPORT AND FUND TRANSFER– Trustee Hill stated total receipts were \$1,949,671.57, with disbursements of \$474,113.17, leaving a balance of \$1,417,277.92 in the checking account. Trustee Hill moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Trustee Struck second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

Trustee Hill moved to approve the disbursements of \$474,113.17. Trustee Hanson second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

Trustee Hill moved to transfer \$1,400,000 to the Money Market account from the checking account, \$37,830.00 from the ambulance fund to the Money Market account. Trustee Heinze second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

Trustee Hill met with John Haniotes regarding investments and will provide a written report regarding another account for investments to generate a higher interest rate. Trustee Hill stated the State has a program from the Fire Marshalls Office for interest free loans for ambulance, trucks and vehicles. Trustee Heinze stated he met with John Haniotes and Asst. Chief Asta to explore a product for financing versus cash, this meeting was to better equip Asst. Chief Asta to bring to the Board in advance the advantages of financing verses cash to preserve cash levels. Trustee Heinze stated Asst. Chief Asta now has a form from Barrington Bank and Trust for financing if a need arises.

Trustee Hill stated two cds will be coming due in July. Trustee Long requested the ComEd bill for this building be changed to Station 1 and the credit card billing to change to Kathryn. Trustee Long is the only person who can do anything with the credit cards. Trustee Long

stated looking at the comparative treasures report, this year the District is back to a positive cash balance.

8) DIVISION REPORTS

8A) PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT – Mr. McKeon provided his written report and stated the incident report on Thursdays Fire was sent to the press.

8B) REPORT BY CHIEF SWANSON/DEPUTY CHIEF WENSCHHOF – Chief Swanson provided a written report, stating he attended Pete Penkava swearing in ceremony at the Batavia Fire Department, his position will be replaced with Tyler Gates on April 4, 2016. Chief Swanson congratulated Nick Asta, Eric Mandel, Eric Brouillette, Scott Motisi, Joe Biasi, Brett Haller, and Jeff Tress who made application for the Illinois Fire Chief Foundation Education and Research Foundation Scholarship process and will qualify for the Tuition reimbursement policy. Chief Swanson and Deputy Chief Kreher will meet with the Cook County Clerk's office on Thursday and he has reached out to the Lake County Clerk, Assessors office, and McHenry Clerks Office to facilitate relations with the representatives to aid in the budget, levee and assessed evaluation processes. Deputy Chief Kreher provided a written report stating Jeff Tress and his crew responded to a lift assist call for a 1500 pound horse, because the horse was trapped in the stall, after an hour the 35 year old horse was up and walking around, and the family was very thankful to everyone that helped. Deputy Chief Kreher would like to take a couple officers to CenCom for the Dispatcher appreciation week of April 11-15. Deputy Chief Kreher stated he will contact and interview Jim Swarthout for Department Chaplain. Deputy Chief Kreher stated IDOT is in the preliminary studies for a stop light at Cuba Road and Route 14. Trustee Long asked about the investigation of purchasing decals regarding a non-union department. Deputy Chief Kreher stated there is legislation in Springfield that the union wants decals and patches for non-union departments, however it does not look like this will go to the floor for a vote, but there are some negotiations going on regarding this issue. Trustee Long feels this is an unfunded liability and feels it violates equal protection under the law. Trustee Heinze asked about a classification of 2 on an area ambulance. Deputy Chief Kreher stated this is an ISO rating. Nick Asta provided a written report and stated the Expedition is in service, and the second Humvee has started the painting process and should be in service at the end of budget year. Asst. Chief Asta is working with Fire Service Inc. regarding warranty on vehicles and everything is staying on budget. Asst. Chief Asta is working with the contractor and hopes to have the office renovation completed by Friday of next week. Trustee Struck asked if there were any unforeseen cost overruns. Asst. Chief Asta stated the cost of the permit was more than the contractor expected, Asst. Chief Asta will meet with the contractor to review the contract. The permit cost was \$1500. Asst. Chief Motisi submitted a written report stating Devin Lampasona is attending the paramedic program, Anthony Marzulli as preceptor with graduation in June. Asst. Chief Motisi stated all of our full-time members have full AOS privileges in the Northwest Community Hospital system. Jeff Tress and Eric Mendel developed and conducted 3 driver safety sessions with emphasis on real time scenarios when dealing with intersections as well as other situations a Fire Fighter might encounter. Asst. Chief Motisi stated he is working with organizations to standardize backing signals. The District hosted a vehicle operation course in February 40 fire fighters attended an 8 hour class, in which 3 of our members attended and provided great exposure to the District. Asst. Chief Motisi stated Willow Creek provided a service dog demonstration. The Illinois Public Risk Fund did driver simulation training which included 12 sessions, each session included an hour lecture and then a simulator was hooked up to the ambulance and performed different scenarios in a simulated atmosphere.

9A) FACILITY PLANNING & PLACEMENT – Deferred

9B) ORDINANCE – ESTABLISHMENT OF PENSION FUND BOARD- Deferred

9C) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH SYSTEM AND BCFPD – tabled for the next meeting.

10) NEW BUSINESS

10A) APPRECIATION DINNER – Deputy Chief Kreher provided information on an appreciation dinner with a cost of \$15,000 from the Foreign Fire Fighter Fund which does not use tax payer dollars. Trustee Heinze moved to approve authorization to proceed with the planning of a recognition dinner for the Fire Fighters of a cost not to exceed \$15,000 from the Foreign Fire Tax Fund. Trustee Hill second. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

10B) ANTIQUE FIRE SHOW – Deputy Chief Kreher recommends hosting the Antique Fire Truck show on June 11, 2016. Trustee Hill moved to approve \$500.00 for a donation to the Illinois Fire Museum. Second by Trustee Struck. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

10F) –OTHER BUSINESS DESIGNATED BY PRESIDING OFFICER– No other business.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION- Trustee Hill moved to recess to closed session at 7:19pm for the purposes of lease, sale, trade and/or purchase of District properties pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 © (6) l(lease or sale), (c) (5) purchase of real property, (c) (11) litigation and (c) (1) personnel issues, requesting Carol Sellner, Jim Hess, Chief Swanson, and Deputy Chief Kreher attend the closed session. Second by Trustee Heinze. Upon roll call the following answered:

Ayes: Trustees: Long, Hill, Hanson, Heinze, Struck

Nays: None

The meeting resumed at 8:18 pm. In attendance: Trustees: Long, Hill, Heinze, Struck and Hanson.

12) POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing

13) ADJOURNMENT – Upon the motion by Trustee Hill, second by Trustee Struck and approved unanimously by a voice call of all Trustees present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm

Respectfully submitted
Secretary

Trustee Struck